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Contractor License Revocations

~ Board imposes \$30,550 in fines for legal violations ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued six license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, Jan. 18. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

ROGER SIMMONS trading as SIMMONS RENOVATIONS GLEN ALLEN, VA

File Number 2004-03175

COMPLAINANT – Terrie Maxey (Quinton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Simmons practiced outside his class and specialty of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and provided false or misleading information to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705080552 and a \$10,750 fine.

JOHN C. FLIPPEN trading as PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LTD. REMODELING & NEW HOMES RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2004-01227

COMPLAINANTS – Elizabeth and David Leitch (Glen Allen., VA)

VIOLATIONS – Flippen failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; assisted another to violate statutory contracting requirements; contracted with an improperly licensed subcontractor; failed to obtain written change orders; and misapplied funds.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705038817 and a \$4,500 fine.

File Number 2004-01168

COMPLAINANTS – Sheryl Beall (Henrico County, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Flippen failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705038817 and a \$1,000 fine.

ERIC TYRONE CARSON trading as C&C CONCRETE AND MASONRY NEWPORT NEWS, VA

File Number 2003-03311

COMPLAINANT – Teresa Kohlenhoefer (Hampton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Carson failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in negligence and/or incompetence by performing work improperly; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705071392 and a \$3.150 fine.

JOHN H. PHAM trading as AMERICAN CLASSIC CONSTRUCTION ANNANDALE, VA

File Number 2003-02612

COMPLAINANT – Virginia and Christopher Hayes (Falls Church, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Pham failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to abate building code violations; and was subject to a court judgment as a result of improper conduct.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705021144 and a \$4,150 fine.

NOVA ROOFING CO. INCORPORATED GAITHERSBURG, MD

File Number 2004-00628

COMPLAINANT – Garnette Hanna (Linden, VA)

VIOLATIONS – NOVA Roofing engaged in misrepresentation, failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; performed work improperly; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705061642 and a \$7,000 fine.

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About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 286,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses over 90,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.